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Mrs. Christine James
Hampton Finance Director
608 First St. W.
Hampton, SC 29924


Dear Mrs. James:

Thank you for your response letter received by SOVA on August 18, 2010 concerning the Town of Hampton FFA Fund Programmatic Review. Please be advised that we are unable to make any changes to the official report at this time due to the 5 day response period ending on August 16, 2010; therefore, the report was officially posted to the SOVA website on August 17, 2010. However, we will ensure that all correspondence letters are posted and attached to the final report on the website.

In response to your concern that the Police Chief may have forgotten that he instructed you as the Finance Director to purchase the 2008 Ford Explorer out of the Victim Assistance Fund, please note that it is ultimately the Police Chiefs' responsibility for oversight of all purchases made out of the Victim Assistance Fund. Documentation review during the audit showed that the Finance Director did purchase the 2008 Ford Explorer out of the Victim Assistance Fund under direct instructions from the Police Chief. Additionally, The Police Chief was aware of the purchase out of this fund because the check was signed by both the Police Chief and Finance Director as stated in the response letter received. Furthermore, we take note that you are only responsible for paying invoices attached to the Victim Assistance Fund; and all police invoices are processed by the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

We appreciate you correcting all errors and for improving your internal process and procedures from this point forward. There were no further recommendations warranted. If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Richelle A. Copeland at (803) 734-1900.

Sincerely,


Larry Barker, Ph.D.
SOVA Director

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